

REMARKS

The Examiner's action dated August 16, 2004, has been received, and its contents carefully noted.

A second Preliminary Amendment was filed on July 30, 2004. That Amendment was not treated in the Office Action. The Amendment of July 30, 2004, corrected the error in claim 25 and added new claims 55-102. It is assumed that that Amendment will be entered, so that the error in claim 25 will have been corrected.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 20-54 only on grounds of obviousness-type double patenting. In view of that Action, the present Amendment cancels claims 55-102 and corrects the error in claim 26.

In addition, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent that issues in connection with the present Application, with respect to the three patent documents on which the double patenting rejections were based.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the Application referred to in paragraph 5 of the Action has issued as a patent. Therefore, that patent is referred to in the Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claim objections and the obviousness-type double patenting

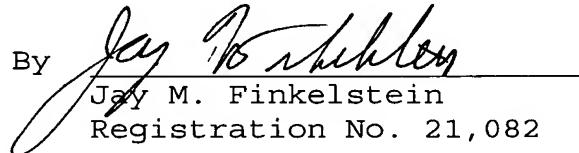
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rejections have been overcome and it is accordingly requested that claims 20-54 now be allowed and that the Application be found in allowable condition.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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